

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claims 299-329 are pending. Claims 179-298 are cancelled.

Claims 299, 301 – 314, 323-324 and 327 – 329 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole et al. (US 6006242), and further in view of Kane et al. Claims 300 and 325 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole and Kane, and further in view of Coulthard et al. (US 2002/0178290). Claims 317 and 326 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole and Kane, and further in view of Halloway et al. (US 2003/0033193). Claim 318 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole and Kane, and further in view of Balmin et al. (US 7028028). Claims 319-322 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole and Kane, and further in view of Kimura et al. (US 2003/0097283).

Claims 315 – 316 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the objections and rejections of record, Applicant has cancelled Claims 314 and 315. All of the features of Claims 314 and 315 have been incorporated into Claim 299, which is now equivalent to claim 315 rewritten in independent form thereby placing Claim 299 into condition for allowance.

Claim 316, which was previously dependent on claim 315, has been amended to depend on claim 299. The remaining claims are unchanged.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record is respectively requested.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims pending following entry of this amendment, namely Claims 299-313 and 316- 329, are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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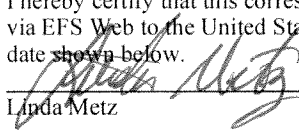
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